

FRIENDS FORUM

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Friends Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held at the Dove Library on Thursday, June 28. Prior to the meeting there was a social gathering in the Courtyard. Catering was by Prontos and music by Sandy DeVito and his guitar. Council Member Ann Kulchin and Cliff Lange, the previous Library Director, were there and also present was current Library Director Heather Pizzuto.

At 5PM the meeting was called to order in the Auditorium. President Wood introduced the current Board members.

The volunteers who had qualified for the Presidential Service awards were introduced and given their certificates and bronze medals. (See page three.) There were fourteen this year, making a total of more than 50 in the past three years.



Attendees at Annual Meeting. Photo: Bill Richmond

Library Director Pizzuto thanked the Friends for their ongoing support. A short film was shown highlighting Friends-sponsored library activities for the past year. Deputy Director Suzanne Smithson introduced Children's Librarian, Amanda Eisman. Amanda showed a film covering Children's Programs for the past year. She stated that the current Children's Summer Reading Program is underway and is expected to break records for attendance.

Vicki Countreman gave the Treasurer's Report and Frank Volpe gave the Nominating Committee's report for the Friends' 2007/2008 Board.



Friends Board 2007/2008. Photo: Bill Richmond

Nominated were:

President: Arthur Wood

1st Vice-President: Beth Hulsart

2nd Vice-President: Taffy Cannon

Recording Secretary: Naomi Marblestone

Treasurer: John Gallery

There were no further nominations from the members, so a white ballot was cast by the Recording Secretary electing the nominees. The meeting was adjourned by President Wood at 5:45PM.

Silent Auction Success

Taffy Cannon, Sales Manager at Dove Library, reported the most successful Silent Auction held thus far. The auction took place on June 30 and July 1 at Dove Library. The Friends netted just over \$2800, the best ever. Our thanks go to the hard working volunteers who set up the sales room on June 29 and cleaned up after the end of the sale on July 1. Lots of very hard work. Our thanks to Taffy and her crew and congratulations.

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From Our Library Director...

The annual membership meeting provided an opportunity to share a little about how your support over the past year has benefited those who use the Library. Here are some facts about the impact of Library services funded by the Friends:

- Audio books generally circulate about 20 times. The Friends funded the purchase of more than 500 audio books in 2006-07, allowing at least 10,000 people to enjoy listening to a book.
- 600 people attended a Carlsbad Reads Together event to better understand the Holocaust and personal experience of Nobel Peace Prize winner and author Elie Wiesel. Approximately 300 people were able to read his book *Night*, purchased with Friends' funds.
- 4000 children are expected to participate in the Summer Reading Program this year, funded by the Friends. Programs that you support will be enjoyed by more than 7000 attendees.



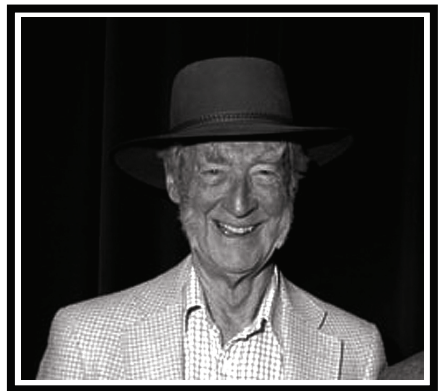
The Friends make a huge difference for the community! You should be proud to share these results with your friends and neighbors who may be amazed by your impact and eager to join you in your efforts.

Heather Pizzuto, Library Director

The Prez Sez...

I would like to thank the members who attended the recent Annual Meeting for reelecting the Board members who ran for office and for the election of John Gallery to the position of Treasurer. I would also like to thank the members for their support of the Board over the past term and ask for their continued support for the new term.

The president will now appoint the Directors, subject to the approval of the elected Board. In all likelihood the present Board will be reappointed with the addition of Vicky Tarulis. She will be the new Volunteer Coordinator replacing Ann Gallagher. Ann did the job for the past two years, working with Frank Volpe to improve our method of assignments. Thank you, Ann, for a job well done.



Jimbo's, a local health food store, has an unusual fundraising program. They make a donation to nonprofit organizations based on the number of recycled shopping bags returned to their store in Carlsbad. The Friends joined in this process a couple of years ago. We recently received a check for \$190.65, which represents 3913 recycled bags. Thank you, Jimbo's.

Arthur Wood, Friends President

Friends of the Library Honors 14 Volunteers

At their annual meeting on June 28 Arthur Wood, Friends President, honored the following individuals for 100 hours of volunteer service:

Gloria Barnett	Vicki Countreman	Linda Kelly	Janet Shelton	Vicky Tarulis
Ron Beckman	Bob Gittelsohn	Lorraine Reiter	Karin Stanton	Faye Weiss
Darlene Blozan	Duke Kebow	Linda Sarnowsky	Laurie Tankin	

Congratulations and thank you to all these volunteers for their time and effort in serving the Carlsbad City Libraries.

Special Sale at Cole

Maureen Tracy, Sales Manager at Cole, held a special sale of surplus books at Cole Library on Saturday, July 21. Assisted by Nikki Robinson and Majorie Krieg, she set up shop at the Library entrance. Sales started at 9AM and ended at 2PM. The sale was necessary to reduce our stock of books for three BIG sale events coming in October (advertised in the enclosed flyer). So, look for some great bargains then. We netted just over \$150.

Staff Recommendations: An Eclectic List of Interesting New Books

by Susan Simpson, Head of Collection Development and Acquisitions

All-In-One Garden: Grow Vegetables, Fruit, Herbs and Flowers in the Same Space by Graham Rice

Einstein: a Biography by Jurgen Neffe. Shows the more personal side of the great scientist.

Fly Me to the Moon: an Insiders Guide to the New Science of Space Travel by Edward Belbruno.

La Nilsson: My Life in Opera by Birgit Nilsson.

The life of the late Swedish opera great, finally available in English.

Oasis in Stone: Visions of Baja California Sur
photographs by Miguel Angel de la Cueva, text by Bruce Berger.

Perfect Mess: the Hidden Benefits of Disorder: How Crammed Closets, Cluttered Offices, and On-the-Fly Planning Make the World a Better Place by Eric Abrahamson and David H. Freedman.
Relief for all the messy folks - no need to be neat!

Postcards from Mars: the First Photographer on the Red Planet by Jim Bell.
Astonishing panoramic photos taken by mobile robots on the surface of Mars.

Safe Trip to Eden: 10 Steps to Save Planet Earth from the Global Warming Meltdown by David Steinman

There's a Business in Every Woman: a 7-Step Guide to Discovering, Starting and Building the Business of Your Dreams by Ann M. Holmes

Whale Watcher: a Global Guide to Watching Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises in the Wild by Trevor Day

Windows Vista for Seniors: for Everyone Who Wants to Learn to Use the Computer at a Later Age.
A good introduction to computers for beginners of any age

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